scavengers liberated so far is 2,943 and 18 towns have been declared scavenger free.

MEGA CITY : The Mega City Scheme is applicable to Hyderabad. Rs. 15 crores has been released as Central share during the year 1993-94 for Hyderabad which is to be matched by 25% state share and 50% institutional finance. Under the Scheme, infrastructural development projects are proposed to be taken up. In addition, for completing the project preparation exercises, an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs was released during the year 1993-94.

Inclusion of Bangalore City under the Mega City

671. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore City has been included under the Mega City Projects funded by World Bank ;

(b) if so, what is the total assistance committed for the project by Government and the World Bank;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of the Mega City Project and how such projects are funded; and

(d) what is the role of Government in promoting the Mega City concept ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No funding by World Bank is available for the Centrally Sponsored Mega City Scheme.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the persistent demands from the State Governments and based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure development in mega cities having a population of 4 million and above as per 1991 Census has been introduced during 1993-94. The scheme is applicable to Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore & Hyderabad. The financing pattern under the scheme consists of 25:25:50 by Central Government, State Government and through institutional financing respectively, the Government of Karnataka has proposed Bangalore Mega City project at an estimated cost of Rs. 805 crores to be implemented during 8th and 9th Plan. During the 8th Plan, an outlay of Rs. 100 crores is indicated for the Bangalore Mega City Project.

The role of Government of India under the Mega City Scheme is to provide seed money/financial support to the selected Mega Cities for taking up critical infrastructural development such as water, supply, sewerage, drainage, transport, land development, slum improvement, solid waste management, etc. with State support and loans from financial institutions and to build a corpus or revolving fund from out of surplus generated after repayment of loans. The revolving fund is meant from taking up infrastructural development works on a continuing basis.

Development of Small Satalite Towns

672. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has been made in the development of small Satellite towns around big metropolises during the last four years; and

(b) what was the expenditure incurred by Central and State Government during these years on the projects; and how far it represented the fulfilment of the targets fixed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. N. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Development of satellite towns is taken up

by the metropolitan development authorities concerned in different States as regional development and related matters fall within the jurisdiction of State Governments. As far as Delhi is concerned, the Regional Plan 2001 and the strategy and the financing mechanisms approved by the National Capital Region Planning Board for implementing the regional plan have recommended development of new townships along side the existing 8 selected priority towns/complexes, viz, Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr—Khurja Complex, Panipat, Rohtak, Bhiwadi-Dharuhera—Rewari Complex Palwal and Alwar, and two DMA towns viz. Bahadurgarh and Kundli. It has been reported that the total expenditure incurred on the projects during the last 4 years was Rs. 71.82 crores consisting of Rs. 53.80 cores as the NCR Planning Board's share and Rs. 18.02 crores as State Government's share.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns was introduced during 1979-80 wth the objective of balanced urban development in the country, provision of infrastructure facilities to support employment generating activities, resource generating schemes for maintenance of infrastructural facilities created, development of growth centres for betterment of rural hinterlands and arresting and arresting migration of rural population to larger cities. This scheme does not specifically cover satellite towns around major metropolitan cities. From the inception of the scheme till date 645 number of towns have been covered and a Central assistance of Rs. 208.37 crores have been released to the States under the scheme.

Schemes for providing drinking water in Urban Areas of Bihar

673. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schemes accorded approval for providing drinking water to urban areas in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the funds allocated for the implementation of these schemes, scheme-wise; and

(c) the towns and cities of the State for whom these schemes have been cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) No schemes have been approved by the central Government for providing drinking water to urban areas in Bihar during the last three years as there were no viable proposals furnished by the State Government.

Financial Assistance for Urban Development in Bihar

674. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have provided financial assistance for development of cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to Bihar and especially to the cities of Patna, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, Dhanbad, Ranchi, Dunka and Deoghar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided to the said cities ?